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TO CONVENE

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1. ASSEMBLY BYE-ELECTION: FOLLOWING LEGAL ACTION RESULT-
ING IN CANCELLATION OF ONE (GUL KHAN NASIR'S SEAT) OF
THREE EARLIER UNCONTESTED PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY BYE-ELECTIONS
(REFTEL A), ELECTION FOR SEAT OF DECEASED JUI MPA SHAM-
SUDDIN HELD MAY 19. VICTOR IN THREE-MAN ELECTORAL CON-
TEST WAS PPP CANDIDATE NAWABZADA TAIMUR SHAH JOGEZAI, WHO
ACCORDING TO UNOFFICIAL RESULTS POLLED NEARLY TWICE AS
MANY VOTES AS SHAMSUDDIN'S FATHER, THE JUI NOMINEE. PASH-
TOONKHAWA CANDIDATE RAN DISTANT THIRD. PPP VICTORY IN THIS
BYE-ELECTION NOT UNEXPECTED SINCE, AS WAS CASE AT TIME OF
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PPP-SUPPORTED JAMALI VICTORY FOR SARDAR MARRI'S VACATED

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SEAT (REFTEL B), GOP MINISTER HAFIZ PIRZADA WAS ON SCENE IN QUETTA DIRECTING ELECTION EFFORTS OF PPP. JOGEZAI LOST IN 1970 ELECTION FOR SEAT HE WON MAY 19.

2. SLAYERS FLEE BALUCHISTAN: IN MAY 20 PRESS CONFERENCE, ACTING INSPECTOR GENERAL OF BALUCHISTAN POLICE, ABDUR RAHIM RAISANI, STATED THAT SHAH WAZIR, SUSPECTED ASSASSIN OF MAULVI SHAMSUDDIN (REFTEL C) HAD FLED TO AFGHANISTAN. AT SAME TIME, I.G. POLICE ANNOUNCED ONE SUSPECT STILL UNDER DETENTION FOR DECEMBER SLAYING OF MPA ACHAKZAI, WHILE PRINCIPAL SUSPECT, ABDUL HALEEM, HAD ALSO FLED TO AFGHANISTAN.

3. ASSEMBLY TO CONVENE: MAY 19 GOVERNOR OF BALUCHISTAN SUMMONED PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY TO CONVENE JUNE 3.

4. COMMENT: SINCE PPP ASSEMBLY SUPPORT AUGMENTED BY TWO ADDITIONAL SEATS IN UNCONTESTED ASSEMBLY BYE-ELECTIONS, JOGEZAI VICTORY IN MAY 19 ELECTION, FURTHER STRENGTHENS GOVERNMENT RANKS IN ASSEMBLY. ALTHOUGH LOCAL PRESS NOW CLAIMING 12-MEMBERS SUPPORT GOVERNMENT AND 9 REMAIN IN OPPOSITION, THERE NO CERTAINTY THAT FORTHCOMING ASSEMBLY SESSION JUNE 3 WILL PROVIDE CLEARCUT TEST WHICH GROUP ACTUALLY IN MAJORITY. FAILING GOVERNMENT MAJORITY, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT PROVINCIAL BUDGET WILL BE APPROVED BY ORDINANCE AS WAS DONE LAST YEAR DURING GOVERNORSHIP OF AKBAR BUGTI.

5. IT APPEARS THAT I.G.'S ANNOUNCEMENT PRINCIPAL SUSPECTS IN SLAYINGS OF SHAMSUDDIN AND ACHAKZAI HAVE FLED TO AFGHANISTAN MARKS FOR NOW END OF OFFICIAL ACTIVITY TO BRING SLAYERS TO BOOK.
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